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The Case for Fairness

The League of California Cities has prepared a good case in its program for a new formula to apply gas tax funds subvened by the state to cities and the county for local streets and roads. Basic argument for more equitable distribution is predicated on the fact that, although the 73 incorporated cities in Los Angeles County have 75 per cent of the total street and road mileage, 80 per cent of the traffic and 80 per cent of gasoline purchased, they receive only 55 per cent of the moneys received from the state gas tax fund allocated to the county.

The league's cause in Torrance, which certainly needs more help on its ever-increasing street development program, was helped this week when the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution endorsing the league's position.

Fortunately for the cause of the cities, no special state legislative action is required. More equitable distribution of the subvened funds rests entirely in the hands of the County Board of Supervisors. The supervisors are on solid ground when they maintain that traffic within the cities would not be as great as it is if it were not for connecting roads and highways in the unincorporated areas The best maintained city streets would lead to nowhere if there were no arterial connections.

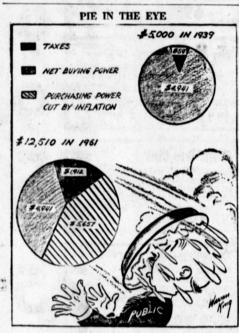
The HERALD earnestly believes that there is great justification in the case presented for the cities. The exact percentage of subvened distribution may be open to debate: but, there is no question that our 73 burgeoning cities need more money to maintain adequately the streets and roads most used by the average motorist.

Morning Report:

One of the House committees has ruled that only half of the money spent on business entertainment will be tax exempt. As of now, Internal Revenue picks up the full tab.

Night-club owners and saloonkeepers are certain to scream. But they underestimate the lure of a tax exemption. People will risk Alcatraz in an effort to get one.

Under the proposed law, a corporation vice president will have to splurge twice as hard to claim the old exemption. If he got by on three martinis before, now he will have to drink six. I think we will be in for the greatest eating and drinking orgy since the last days of the Roman Abe Meilinkoff



ROYCE BRIER

Monster Lore Dealt Sad Blow by Noted Explorer

Even though he was working from a scientific back-ground propounding a spher-ical earth, Christopher Columbus probably believed in sea

foday you usually need alcohol in sufficient volume to see zoological monsters, but it isn't a rule. You name a place where nobody goes much, and you've got a mon-ster on your hands.

The conditions must be just

right, though. Among the places where nobody goes much is the upper reach of the Himalayas, and the con ditions are right. You have primitive natives ca'ed Sherpas. You have extreme altitudes and paralyzing cold and a sort of lunar isolation fuzzes the mind even with oxygen tanks

So we have had the Abom-inable Snowman a couple of decades, a hairy subhuman giant with a pointed head who leaves bear-type tracks in the snow.

In the days when some

stuff magazines agog with signs and wonders, the Abominable Snowman was a god-send with the Loch Ness Monster wearing out. The Snowman was so real you'd like one for the zoo.

The slightly rational used

to hope this varn was due to the inhospitable heights, and what is their consternation, upon the arrival here of Sir Edmund Hillary, to learn the Sherpa who saw one was drunk as a skunk.

Sir Edmund ought to know, having been to the top of Everest He doesn't say there the only Sherpa who described him in detail had been on the old kickapoo juice for a couple of days, and probably invented the critter for his wife to explain his absence. his absence.

* * * This puts the thing in an

understandable light, but alas, less glamorous one.

If there's anything anthro-

Sunday newspapers used to pologists know, it is there are no more submen, and haven't been since Neanderyears ago.

either. We once believed the Loch Ness Monster was dreamed up by gifted Scots-men who lived on the lakeshore, but projecting Sir Ed-mund's finding, it may have been Scotch, not an ingenious mind.

Back in the Thirties, Hollywood made a picture of some Brazilian hideaway some Brazilian hideaway where dinosaurs roamed, and only the other day, on the late-late, the writer saw a Japanese film where an irascible alligator-type 10 stories high crawled from the sea and wrecked Tokyo. Brother, it was great, took you back to your Neolithic days.

The scientific mind is wonderful, but often you wonder if it isn't taking all the fun from man's brief sojourn hereabout.

the vermin trap for the shift-less, worthless, economically inept, the unemployable and unemployed, the socially un-assimilable, the swamis of th osophical religions and the electric belt therapists of social and economic ailments. When the Okies and no-gooders of the Thirties headed for California as the universal hog trough of indigence, they headed for the sunny Southland in the name of ham 'n

Now there isn't a headline-



THIS WILD WEST by Lucius Beebe

Cloak of Subversion Put On San Francisco's Back

It is all very well for the good people of San Francisco, a city to which I commute from One Sound State and where I hope not to die and where I hope not to die because of the California un-dertakers' lobby, to pass off unflattering notices of their municipal facade when they infrequently occur, as one did recently in "Sports Illus-trated," as mere devices for the increased circulation based in the technique of in-suit instead of flattery, and therefore unworthy of seri-ous attention.

Swamped with the most outrageous deluges of goose grease as they are at stated and even calculated intervals in "Holiday" and "Town & Country," they remark on the truly expressive observed. the truly perceptive charac-ter of Ted Patrick and Henry Sell, who edit these classy feuilletons, and attribute the recognition on coated stock of San Francisco's ineffable splendors to sheer altruism

splendors to sheer altruism. Nothing as base and ig-noble as the Audit Bureau of Circulations could be in-volved when these enchantingly intelligent and appreciative gentlemen devote double truck layouts in full-est color to depicting San Francisco as not alone the Athens of America, but of the galactic universe.

the galactic universe.

Nevertheless, and even at
the calculated risk of being

denied by Adolph my regular table at The Palace or the free pink for my buttonhole from Podesta's flower stalls, I would like to raise my voice in Casper Milquetoast accents to suggest that the image San Francisco projects on the national awareness is not altogether and without the least microscopic blemish the one it would like to assume at the mandate of Herb Caen, the only news-paper columnist in the record who has had a city created in his image rather than vice versa. * * *

What makes the rest of America distrustful of San Francisco and the Bay Area is the hazy miasma of subversion and political social leftist thinking that radiates from the universities at Palo Alto and Berkeley, the vomit-Alto and Berkeley, the vomit-ous sick comedians that were until lately received with such untidy raptures by the bearded creeps of furnace room night clubs on North Beach, the passive toleration of the septic sentiments of peace marchers, appeasers and other cranks which smell a long way down wind from a long way down wind from the Golden Gate.

Perhaps it had its unhappy inception in the Chessman business where breast-beaters and professional hamanitarians and bleeding hearts collected a sort of social and political leprosarium of fellow travellers who travel low travelers who turned out on close scrutiny all to be traveling in the direction of Moscow

Moscow.

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The beatniks were no help when their maggot bins and scrofulous mentalities we re paraded before the world as fine inheritors of San Francisco's once amiable Bohemianism. The civic image doesn't benefit from being the widely advertised source. the widely advertised source of bird-brained exhibitionists with mentalities no greater than those of Berkeley clergymen who, having completely nothing to do with their spare time, make nuis-ances of themselves in the guise of "freedom marchers" in Alabama and Georgia.

It used to be that, both in fact and in the general awareness, Los Angeles was eggs and an easy life at the expense of their betters.

hunting ciergyman, an advocate of chain letters for peace and appeasement, discredited "scientist" suffering from thermonuclear treing from thermonuclear tremins, a hand-wringer over
capital punishment or any
other brand of mental imbalance who doesn't find a
ready welcome in San Francisco and Berkeley where he
is instantly assimilated into
the over-all Communist front
that parades a brand of
bleeding heart humanitarianism while selling under-thecounter enemy propaganda
of terror, dissension and the
Kremlin line under the union
label of holy works. label of holy works.

The hysterical and totally disproportionate smear of the feckless Birchers and the clerical screams of anguish which greet any least suspicion of ordinary American patrictions and the same advector of the same and triotism or advocacy of our independence of the v/him of Russia are all that the rest of the country need to be assured that San Francisco, behind its widely advertised fa-cade of music appreciation, toleration of watercloset lit-erature and India rubber ab-alone steaks, is in fact a nest of subversion where any degree of treason short of spitting on the flag is ap-plauded by as shiftless a rabble of mental defectives as can be found anywhere on the continent.

It's not arias from "Aida".
that drift to the ears of the Nation from San Francisco as much as the voice of Radio Moscow.

Facts and Fallacies of Our 'Responsibilities'

"The mind grows one way or another on what it feeds." SAN FRANCISCO — For

years we have made a habit of jotting down in our note-book unusual impressions from conversations with peo-ple we meet on our lecture tours. This includes agreements or disagreements on an endless variety of subjects. We note also things we read, pro or con, on topics of the day.

We were going over these notes today and some of them astonished us with their credulity and misunderstand-ing of the facts. It surprises us constantly, the erroneous us constantly, the erroneous impressions even intelligent people have of the functions of politics, government regulatory agencies and current affairs. This column will deal with some of these impressions for what they are worth.

Many people say that a "responsible citizen" shoulud believe, for instance:

"That every boy and girl who wants a college education should get it"... whether they are qualified or not ... whether they have the intelligence and aptitude or the common serve to , or the common sense to do something with it. (Most girls want to be movie queens, too.)

That Social Security is paid from the Social Security fund" . . . instead of from taxes, as there is not enough money in the fund to pay it.

"That the federal debt is going to be paid, sometime".... when it is becoming more and more impossible to redeem it without confisca-

"That we really want total disarmament" . . . when total disarmament will bring the greatest depression in our history.

"That foreign aid will stop. "That foreign aid will stop. communism"... when over \$100 billion since World War II has not done so. Communism has seeds of its own destruction. It is foolhardy to suggest that U.S. aid deserves most credit for Communist containment.

"That it is necessary to put a man on the moon before the Russians"... when so much more can be accom-plished with the billions be-ing spent to put our own house in order on earth.

"That the 'people' really elect the president, or sena-tor,, or mayor of the town"...instead of the well-heeled, influential, well-organized small groups among us . . , in most cases.

"That in a Democratic administration, or a Republican administration, the Democrats or the Republicans run government" instead of the unseen and little known powers behind every admin-istration, who pull the strings without consideration of partisanship. More often than not large political contribu-tions are made to both par-ties by the same donors. Why?

That the U.S. government guarantees bank accounts up to \$10,000 . . . when it is an

instrumentality of the gov-ernment which does... and

only guarantees under cer-tain conditions.
"That the government owns the Federal Reserve bank' . which it does not

京 京 京 "That Congress prints and coins our money and regu-lates its value" . . . when

lates its value" . . when such value is up or down depending on government and private spending and not dependent on Congress.

"That the United States is the richest country in the world" . . when by any accounting standard the U.S. is not as rich as England, Switzzerland, Germany, Sweden and other countries, when you take into consideration you take into consideration the U. S. public debt of \$290 billions, the highest in the world.

"That the income tax is a national necessity", in-stead of a political gimmick to spend excessively to per-petuate a political party in

"That transportation taxes established during World War II to discourage travelare necessary today"... when the facts indicate that the transportation tax today is unfair and discriminatory and prevails strictly for

oney it raises.
"That before this administration took over the nation had no defense" . . . but a few months later we sudden-ly became the most powerful country in the world. The truth is . . . the money ap-propriated by the previous ad-ministration is buying defense now, and it will take another year for the money appropriated by the present Congress and administration to be spent for defense or for anything else.

"That a month before the passage of the Foreign Aid bill Russia was way ahead of us in foreign prestige' but a week after the passage of the Foreign Aid bill we suddenly jumped ahead of Russia in prestige before a dime went abroad. Such non-

That if the U.N. folded, "That if the U.N. folded, the world would be in chaos" ... whereas the truth is that "chaos" has always plagued the world, before and during the world, before and during the League of Nations and the U.N. Our relations with the world are handled through diplomacy... just as the most important nego-tiations now are conducted outside the U.N.

"That the U.S. has a moral responsibility to develop the underdeveloped areas of the world"... even though our public debt is the greatest in the world... and even be-for our own slums and our own underprivileged people have been rehabilitated. To take tax dollars from the paycheck of a poor man living in squalor to rehabilitate peo-ple abroad, in our opinion, is the height of irresponsi-

"That it is perfectly okay for the U. S. government to borrow money for the pur-pose of giving it away." Try this trick with your banker

Hoppe in Wonderland-

Chicken Little, Meet Tinker Bell

Art Hoppe

Heigh-ho, what a beautiful day! And may I wish you a very happy End of the World.

The End of the World, as you know, comes on February 4 this year. This has been reliably calculated by a group of Hindu astrologers in New Delhi and confirmed by their distinguished colleagues in Nepal. They say that on February 4 no fewer than eight planets will get together in the sign of Capricorn. Which is awful. And what's going to happen to us shouldn't happen to an asteroid

Well, the End of the World is a pretty good story. On a slow news day. So I naturally hustled out to interview the Man on the Street. Which is what we ace newsmen do when the world is coming to an end.

The question was: "Pardon me, Sir or Madam, the world will end on February 4. How do you stand on this subject?" The replies were:

A young lady with a Brigitte Bardot hairdo - "We'l, gee, I don't know much about politics. But it sure is thrilling to be interviewed. What's the question? Oh. Why don't you ask me what's my favorite hobby? It's dancing. I'm sure cr.:zy about dancing. Oh. Well, gee, I sure don't know what to say. I mean politics is so - well. you know, political."

An elderly gentleman with briefcase — "February 4 eh? Well, I feel confident that our officials in Washington will know how to deal effectively with this prob lem. After all, we must place our trust in our duly elected representatives. I'm sure they know what's for the best.

A young man in a baggy sweater — "I knew it! proves the existence of a neo-fascist Pentagon Street axis that's secretly planning a nuclear year greed and profit. Here, have one of my pamphle is.

A stout lady carrying a shopping bag - "Look. I'm not signing nothing. Trouble enough, I got already An elderly lady with a reticule - It's a plot by theose

ComSymps and their unwitting dupes! Wake up Amorica! Stop fluoridation! Stamp out the U. N.! Abolish . A housewife tugging two children, one of whom is

lying on the pavement kicking - "Good."

I tabulated these results and found that 16.3 per cent of the American people think the end of the world is a good idea; 33 per cent blame each other; and the rest don't give a hoot. Which I think is a pretty representative sample of current public opinion.

So I got depressed. I got to thinking about the way toast smells in a toaster, the sound of children in a schoolyard, the taste of pickled onions and how grass looks. And I went home and told this little girl at my house that the world was coming to an end. I really did.

And she cried: "Oh, no, Daddy! I love it such a whole lot" She really did. So I soothed her and said it was just a grown-up joke. And the world couldn't really en Not when children love it so. And I'm sure that's right.

Law in Action

Jane Smith ordered a wedding gown from the town's best store for delivery at the church in time for her wed-ding Sunday afternoon.

The store goofed, and poor Jane had to walk down the aisle in her honeymoon suit.

Afterwards, Jane sued the store for breaking its contract as well as for mental anguish. The court gave her damages for mental suffer-

As a rule, if you breach a contract, the court will ex-clude damages caused by the inconvenience or embarrass ment it may cause. Suppose Jones promises to sell his car to you but backs out. Your damages might be limited to what it costs to find a similar car. But nothing for your in-convenience or mental suf-

But there are some tracts that are especially personal. Damages for mental distrubances may be recoverable when one breaches such

In one case a firm failed to deliver a telegram announc-ing the death of a man's mother. The company was liable for the mental disturb-ance its failure caused. Still in another, a bank's refusal to honor a check caused depositor great embarrass-ment. For which the court allowed recovery

The law expects more of ers, or public utilities, and often makes them pay for failing to carry out their con-

Landlords who fail to sup ply services, heat, air, or furnishings may also find themselves responsible for mental anguish such failures cause.

Earlier courts hesitated to allow much recovery for mental disturbance. Such distress was too easy to fake. Today if the mental disturbance is caused on purpose, the courts usually allow damages.

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.